Essential medicines at affordable prices to Kerala

1423. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority of the Central Government had taken any steps to support Kerala to control the price and maintain; the supply of essential medicines at affordable prices during the out break of mosquito borne viral diseases in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether special financial package will be provided to Kerala for sustainable control of mosquito borne diseases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (f) Government of India supply drugs, larvicides - temephos, fenthion and adulticides - pyrethrum extract (2%), malathian technical on regular basis as per the technical demand to the State of Kerala for Prevention and Control of Vector Borne Diseases.

In addition to above, an amount of Rs. 220.50 lakhs was released to the State during 2006-07, as emergency package towards the purchase of Fogging Machines, Pyrethrum Extract (2%). Temephos, Insecticide treated bed nets and for conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, for prevention and control of Chikungunya.

During 2007-08 also, Rs. 403.90 lakhs has been released for sustaining the above activities.

Regulation of clinical trials

1424. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regulatory mechanism for clinical trials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of clinical trials registered for the last three years, year-wise, and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Regulations for conducting clinical trials with the new drugs ate prescribed under Rule-122 DA-122-E and Schedule-Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. These Rules provide specific application forms and relevant document requirements for seeking permission to conduct clinical trials. There are also Good Clinical Practices (GCP). Guidelines were introduced by the Ministry in the year 2001 and Ethical